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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 3, 2001

Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Virgin River Dinosaur
5 Footprint Preserve Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT TO PURCHASE
8 FOOTPRINT PRESERVE.—As soon as is practicable after

1 the date of the enactment of this Act, if the City agrees
2 to the conditions set forth in subsection (b), the Secretary
3 of the Interior may award to the City a grant equal to
4 the lesser of \$500,000 or the fair market value of up to
5 10 acres of land (and all related facilities and other appur-
6 tenances thereon) generally depicted on the map entitled
7 “Proposed Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve”,
8 numbered 09/06/2001–A, for purchase of that property.

9 (b) CONDITIONS OF GRANT.—The grant under sub-
10 section (a) shall be made only after the City agrees to the
11 following conditions:

12 (1) USE OF LAND.—The City shall use the Vir-
13 gin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve in a manner
14 that accomplishes the following:

15 (A) Preserves and protects the paleontolog-
16 ical resources located within the exterior bound-
17 aries of the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint
18 Preserve.

19 (B) Provides opportunities for scientific re-
20 search in a manner compatible with subpara-
21 graph (A).

22 (C) Provides the public with opportunities
23 for educational activities in a manner compat-
24 ible with subparagraph (A).

1 (2) REVERTER.—If at any time after the City
2 acquires the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Pre-
3 serve, the Secretary determines that the City is not
4 substantially in compliance with the conditions de-
5 scribed in paragraph (1), all right, title, and interest
6 in and to the Virgin River Dinosaur Footprint Pre-
7 serve shall immediately revert to the United States,
8 with no further consideration on the part of the
9 United States, and such property shall then be
10 under the administrative jurisdiction of the Sec-
11 retary of the Interior.

12 (3) CONDITIONS TO BE CONTAINED IN DEED.—
13 If the City attempts to transfer title to the Virgin
14 River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve (in whole or in
15 part), the conditions set forth in this subsection
16 shall transfer with such title and shall be enforceable
17 against any subsequent owner of the Virgin River
18 Dinosaur Footprint Preserve (in whole or in part).

19 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE.—

20 (1) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary
21 shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the
22 City for the management of the Virgin River Dino-
23 saur Footprint Preserve by the City.

24 (2) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may provide
25 to the City—

1 (A) financial assistance, if the Secretary
2 determines that such assistance is necessary for
3 protection of the paleontological resources lo-
4 cated within the exterior boundaries of the Vir-
5 gin River Dinosaur Footprint Preserve; and

6 (B) technical assistance to assist the City
7 in complying with subparagraphs (A) through
8 (C) of subsection (b)(1).

9 (3) ADDITIONAL GRANTS.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to funds
11 made available under subsection (a) and para-
12 graph (2) of this subsection, the Secretary may
13 provide grants to the City to carry out its du-
14 ties under the cooperative agreement entered
15 into under paragraph (1).

16 (B) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; REQUIRED
17 NON-FEDERAL MATCH.—Grants under subpara-
18 graph (A) shall not exceed \$500,000 and shall
19 be provided only to the extent that the City
20 matches the amount of such grants with non-
21 Federal contributions (including in-kind con-
22 tributions).

23 (d) MAP ON FILE.—The map shall be on file and
24 available for public inspection in the appropriate offices
25 of the Department of the Interior.

1 (e) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section,
2 the following definitions apply:

3 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
4 St. George, Utah.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior.

7 (3) VIRGIN RIVER DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT PRE-
8 SERVE.—The term “Virgin River Dinosaur Foot-
9 print Preserve” means the property (and all facilities
10 and other appurtenances thereon) described in sub-
11 section (a).

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